

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 16-28. In order to facilitate issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has cancelled claim 29.

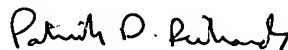
CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that this application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 372-2000.

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